CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) and (2). The compilation of a statement showing the year in which the corresponding Government grant was sanctioned for every work for which people have made contributions will involve enormous labour. A statement furnishing the available information is placed on the table. (See Appendix C.)

(3) The information has been called for and will be furnished to the members on receipt.

MR. G. GIRMAJI RAO, KOLAR TALUK.—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether they will investigate the cause of the waste of water to three-fourths of the capacity of water in the tanks reserved for the water-supply of Kolar Town?

(2) How the wastage can be stopped?

(3) Whether they will help the municipality by meeting half the cost, if the scheme is a prohibitive one?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR IRRIGATION.—

A.—(1) to (3.) The wastage of water in the tanks supplying the Kolar Town has been investigated and is reported largely to be due to evaporation. For the present it is not possible to commit Government to any expenditure in excess of the estimate which has recently been sanctioned.

MR. S. HAMPAIYA, SIDLAGHATTA MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether they have been aware of the considerable amount of difficulties experienced by passengers at present, for want of proper arrangements to provide accommodation in Railway trains between Bangalore and Mysore, during the Dasara and the Birthday Festivities? If so, what are the arrangements made for minimising such hardships?

(2) Whether they are aware of the fact that railway servants at Bangalore and Mysore give a good deal of trouble to passengers on such occasions?, and if so, what action has been taken to check the mal-treatment?

(3) Whether they can arrange to publish the timings of the special trains which may be run on such special occasions and to direct the Railway subordinate on duty to inform such timings, etc., politely to the multitudes of passengers?

(4) Whether they can arrange the reservation of a full carriage for the use of Representative Assembly members in each of the trains during the said special occasions?

RAILWAY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) No complaints have so far been brought to notice by the public. All necessary arrangements are being made every year and will be made during the ensuing season also to provide all possible comforts.

(2) No cases of mal-treatment were reported before. Responsible Traffic Officers including Traffic Manager would generally be present at train times on the platform and complaints can be made to them on the spot.

(3) The timings of extra trains to be run are announced on the platform in time. An enquiry office is opened at Mysore for any information with regard to movement of trains.

(4) At times of rush like Dasara, reserved accommodation cannot be guaranteed, but the Station Masters are instructed to comply with such requests made in time whenever it is possible.

MESSRS. C. KHADRAPPA AND K. RAMANNA, SIDLAGHATTA TALUK.—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The capacity of each of the major and minor tanks in the taluks according to re-survey and settlement in the Siddlaghatta Taluk and the extent of increase in the atchkat under each tank?

(2) If the atchkat has increased under the tanks as compared with that at the time of the original survey, whether it will be possible for Government to bring all such excess of wet lands under dry cultivation?

(3) (i) The number of tanks in the taluk which have been silted up and for which no repairs have been executed?

(ii) the number of units of water which each tank can contain now?

(iii) the total number of acres of land that have been brought under wet cultivation in excess of the prescribed limit?

(iv) the necessity for the levy of wet assessment on such lands which cannot be supplied with water?

(4) (i) The number of acres of khuski-bagayet lands in which wet crops are grown by means of wells sunk completely at the cost of the land-holders?

(ii) the number of wells of that kind which exist in the taluk?

(iii) the number of acres of land which were formerly kushki-bagayet, but have since been converted into dry by reason of the water-supply in the wells having failed, although the original bagayet assessment has been retained?

(iv) the number of wells that have failed, silted up or been closed?

(5) (i) The increase in the land revenue of the taluk on account of the present re-survey operation?

(ii) the action taken in respect of the complaint petitions submitted with regard to enhancement of assessment?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) Information is not available. It can be collected only by the employment of a special establishment, and Government see no advantage in ordering its compilation now.

(2) It is possible to do so, but Government cannot agree to accept dry rates for lands capable of being cultivated with wet crops.

(3) (i) Out of 296 tanks in the taluk, 188 are reported to be unrestored.

(ii) Information is not available and Government see no advantage in ordering its compilation now.

(iii) Information is not available and Government see no advantage in ordering its compilation now.

(iv) No land is classed as wet if it is really incapable of irrigation.

(4) (i) Information is not available. It can be obtained only by an elaborate search of the field books of the Survey Department extending over a number of months and Government see no advantage to order its compilation now.

(ii) There are 3,302 such wells.

(iii) In no case has the original bagayet assessment been left unchanged when the wells and springs have failed. Even when not brought down to dry rates, the garden rates have been reduced suitably according to merits.

(iv) Information is not available and Government see no advantage in ordering its compilation now.

(5) (i) Rupees 30,978 or 20 per cent of the present collections.

(ii) All such petitions based on general grounds were duly considered by Government in consultation with the Revenue Commissioner and the Survey Superintendent before the revised rates were sanctioned and cases of individual hardships have been dealt with by the Settlement Officer at the time of the announcement of the revised rates.

MESSRS. D. S. MALLAPPA AND CHIKKATHIMME GOWDA, TIPTUR TALUK.—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) The number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers thrown out ever since the Retrenchment Committee began its operation in 1919?

(2) The number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers that belong to backward communities out of the above.

(3) The number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers that were re-employed out of those thrown out?

(4) The number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers that belonging to the backward communities out of those re-employed.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) The total number of gazetted officers actually thrown out of employment on account of retrenchment is 13.